

Analysis of Rural Communications Needs - FCC and USDA RUS Programs

GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES	COMMUNICATION NEEDS IN RURAL AMERICA														
	Rural Communities (Townships)					Rural Businesses (Large, Medium, Small)						Rural Residential (Individuals)			
	Public Safety	Basic Access	Tele-medicine	Tele-learning	Online Government	Basic Access	Long Distance	Internet Access	Education	Call Center	Networking for Logistics	Wireless			
												Basic Access	Long Distance	Internet Access	
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)															
Wireless															
- Cellular/PCS	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	
- Tribal Bidding Credits		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
- Broadband Wireless	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
- Paging		X				X			X		X				
- Fixed Wireless	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
- Public Safety and Emergency Response	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X				
Universal Services															
- Rural Healthcare Providers Program	X	X	X	X							X	X	X	X	
- Low Income Consumers Program	X	X			X	X						X	X	X	
- Rural High Cost Areas Program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
- Schools and Libraries Program (E-Rate)		X		X		X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
USDA Rural Development - Rural Utilities Service															
Telecommunications Programs															
A. Rural Broadband Access Loan Program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
B. Distance Learning Loan and Grant Program	X		X	X	X			X	X			X	X	X	
C. Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program	X		X	X				X				X	X	X	
D. Community Connect Grants	X		X	X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	
E. Telecommunications Loan Programs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
-Cost of Money Loans															
-Rural Telephone Bank															
-Guaranteed loans															
-Hardship loans															

This chart shows the communication needs of communities, businesses and individuals located in rural areas, as well as the available FCC and USDA/RUS programs, which address those needs. Each need may (or may not) be addressed by one or more programs. An X indicates an existing program which addresses all or part of a need.